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DIARY NOTES

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[REDACTED] telephoned to request that I designate someone to represent the Deputy Director (Support) on any disarmament matters that may pertain to us and I have designated [REDACTED]. (DD/S Office Heads were notified at the Wednesday Staff Meeting.) 25X1A9a

2. John Tietjen was in to brief me on a number of things, as follows:

a. He again stated that he thought our personnel policy wherein we are losing good people such as [REDACTED] whom he recently lost, was all wrong. He thinks that we ought to raise our salaries so as to avoid the loss of such people. 25X1A9a

b. He suggested that we consider making the tour of duty at Project [REDACTED] eighteen months. He would pattern this along the lines of our [REDACTED] policy wherein most people actually stay for the two-year period but it is possible for them to complete an eighteen-month tour and leave without any stigma attached. I told him that I would look into this possibility.

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3. Jim Garrison and I met with Mr. Wallace, the Public Buildings Commissioner, to discuss the proposed demolition of [REDACTED]. I made it clear to Mr. Wallace that insofar as we are concerned this is a waste of money to move the Foreign Documents Division now and then move them again in about a year to our new building. I also told him that if the cost of the move were being borne by CIA I would object very strenuously. However, our discussion developed that we are only a part of a much larger problem. PBS is committed to demolish the building in order to make way for the Stadium and they will pay for the move. Jim and I explored the possibility of moving the Office of Training to Arlington Towers and moving FDD into the space which they would vacate. However, we had to abandon this idea because we can't find a block of space to which FDD would move. In addition, there would be some gamble here because PBS stated that it was their intention to give up Arlington Towers as soon as the present lease expired and we could, therefore, not plan on it as permanent office space. Accordingly, we decided to move FDD to Arlington Towers. H

4. We also discussed with Mr. Wallace again what space might be available to those units not moving into our new building. Looking ahead several years it appears likely that there will be another Department of Defense building constructed which will be about the size of the Pentagon. After this is occupied Mr. Wallace anticipates that all of the temporary buildings will be demolished with the possible exception of the Navy and Munitions Buildings along Constitution Avenue. However, it was clear that this cycle would not be completed in time to solve our immediate problem and that there appears to be no alternative but to make plans to leave our overflow in temporary buildings which we now occupy. I have asked the Office of Logistics to get together with the General Services

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Administration, Region 3, and try to work out a plan.

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25X1A6a 5. I met with Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] to discuss once again the necessity for a warehouse [REDACTED] The 10,000 square feet now used for warehouse space in the Records Center is used entirely for emergency supplies and material as opposed to material needed to operate the base from day to day. It is also clear that we do not need to construct a warehouse for day-to-day base support and that it is justified entirely by the necessity of having some place to store emergency supplies for some 1,500 people. If we assume that the entire area will be saturated with fall-out it will appear likely that these supplies will not be available for us unless the warehouse is hardened. The warehouse, therefore, in my judgment becomes a part of the whole question of whether we are going to harden [REDACTED] 25X1A6a Accordingly, I do not see the wisdom of proceeding with this construction until we have some policy guidance with regard to the major question. If we cannot receive such policy guidance, however, we may, at a later date, consider some cheaper type of construction which would merely be a shelter and which would not be hardened. This would probably be constructed for \$50 to \$75 thousand as opposed to \$300 or \$400 thousand as we had contemplated. (I have announced this tentative decision at the Staff Meeting. I have also told the Management Staff that they may not get the 10,000 square feet of space in the Records Center back and that I wanted them to find ways and means to reduce the Records Center holdings.)

25X1A9a 6. I talked to [REDACTED] about his retirement and he has agreed somewhat reluctantly to retire in December of 1961. He had wanted to postpone this until at least December of 1962 at which time he would have completed twenty-five years of service.

25X1A9a 7. John Tietjen inquired as to the possibility of having one of our doctors accompany the President's party to Russia. I told him that I would keep this in mind if an opportunity arose but as of now I did not see any possibility of this.

25X1A9a 8. I discussed the question of [REDACTED] with Lyman Kirkpatrick and General Cabell. They feel that we should hold Joe in the Agency. General Cabell, however, does not feel very kindly toward Joe, thinks that we will lose him eventually and regards this merely as a holding operation. He also thinks that we should get someone else started in a training course to replace Joe in the event he leaves.

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